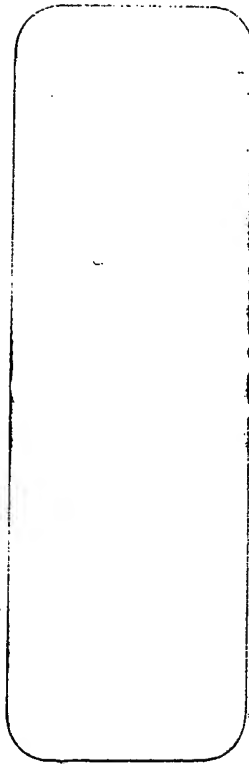


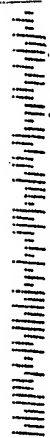
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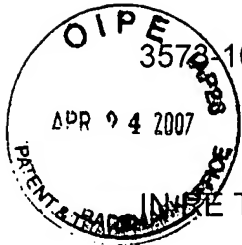


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed Dec 26, 2006, this Amendment and Response responds within the four-month period. Applicants request a one-month extension. No amendments are made to the specification or drawings. The applicants respond as follows:

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